

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a help utility, comprising the steps of:
 providing a utility search dialog;
 inputting one or more search keywords directed to at least one ~~of a plurality of~~ help ~~utilities~~ utility;
 searching at least one or more ~~database~~[[s of]] containing a plurality of help utilities including help utilities provided by a plurality of computer operating systems;
 finding a help utility matching the keywords; and
 executing the help utility.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
 displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
 selecting one of all help utilities found to match keywords.
3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 if after the step of searching ~~one or more~~ the ~~databases of a~~ containing the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;
 inputting one or more additional keywords directed to at least one ~~of the plurality of~~ help ~~utility~~ utilities; and
 searching the database containing the ~~one or more databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities.
4. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 if after the step of searching the database containing ~~one or more databases of a~~ the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and
 invoking the related help utility.

5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the plurality of help utilities includes help utilities provided by at least one computer software application.
7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein the ~~interactive~~ related help utility is a wizard.
8. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein the ~~interactive~~ related help utility is a help file.
9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, ~~whereby~~ wherein the search keywords may be input using a plurality of languages.
10. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a function wizard, comprising the steps of:
providing a wizard search dialog;
inputting one or more search keywords;
searching at least one database containing one or more databases a plurality of wizards according to the search keywords wherein the plurality of wizards includes wizards provided by a plurality of computer operating systems;
finding a wizard matching the search keywords; and
invoking the wizard.
11. (Currently amended) A method of searching for a function wizard, comprising the steps of:
providing at least one database containing one or more databases of a plurality of functions including functions from a plurality of computer operating systems;
providing a wizard search dialog;
inputting one or more search terms directed to one of the plurality of functions;

initiating a search within the ~~one or more databases~~ database for a function wizard matching one of the plurality of functions based on the search terms;
 finding a function wizard matching one of the plurality of functions; and
 executing the function wizard.

12. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

providing a utility search dialog;
 inputting one or more search keywords directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;
 searching at least one database containing ~~one or more databases of a~~ the plurality of help utilities including help utilities provided by a plurality of at least one of computer software applications and computer operating systems;
 finding a help utility matching the keywords; ~~and~~
 executing the help utility; ~~and~~
if after the step of searching the database, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility.

13. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
 displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
 selecting one of all help utilities found to match the keywords.

14. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching the database containing the ~~one or more databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog;

inputting one or more additional keywords directed to one of the plurality of help utilities; and

searching the database containing the ~~one or more databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities.

15. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 12 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the step[[s]] of[[:]]

~~if after the step of searching the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility;~~
and

invoking the related help utility.

16. (Currently amended) A system for searching for a help utility, comprising a computer program module operative:

to provide a utility search dialog;

to input one or more search terms directed to one of a plurality of help utilities;

to search at least one database containing the ~~one or more databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities;

to find a help utility matching at least one of the search terms; ~~and~~

to execute the help utility;

if after the step of searching the database, no help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms but a related help utility is found, to display the related help utility; and

to invoke the related help utility.

17. (Previously presented) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:

to determine whether more than one help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms;

to display all help utilities found to match at least one of the search terms; and

to select one of all help utilities found to match at least one of the search terms.

18. (Currently amended) The computer program module of Claim 16, further operative:
if after the step of searching the database containing ~~one or more databases of a~~ the
plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching at least one of the search terms, to
provide the utility search dialog;
to input one or more additional search terms directed to one of the plurality of help
utilities; and
to search the database containing the ~~databases of a~~ plurality of help utilities.
19. (Canceled)
20. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:
providing a utility search dialog;
receiving search keywords directed to at least one of a plurality of help utility utilities;
searching at least one database containing ~~of a~~ plurality of help utilities; and
finding a help utility matching the keywords; and
if after the step of searching the database, no help utility is found matching the keywords
but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility.
21. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:
determining whether more than one help utility is found matching the keywords;
displaying all help utilities found to match the keywords; and
selecting one of all help utilities found to match the keywords.
22. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the steps of:

if after the step of searching ~~the at least one database of a~~ containing the plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords, then providing the utility search dialog; receiving one or more additional keywords directed to at least one of the plurality of help utilities; and searching the database containing the ~~at least one database of a~~ plurality of help utilities.

23. (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of Claim 20 having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer further perform the step[[s]] of [[:]]

~~if after the step of searching at least one database of a plurality of help utilities, no help utility is found matching the keywords but a related help utility is found, then displaying the related help utility; and~~
invoking the related help utility.